(d) and (e) MTNL Delhi is proposing to have alternate long distance media. Agreements with other National Long Distance operators are being signed.

Status of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana

1662. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) how far it has succeeded in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) There are 180 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs) in Andhra Pradesh as on 15.11.2002. Out of them, 11 (eleven) PSSKs are not physically functioning as the nominated PSSK Agents are not attending to their duties and their Gram Panchayats also not showing much interest in operations of PSSKs. The fixed allowances were also not drawn for these 11 PSSKs. A target of opening of 30 new PSSKs in Andhra Pradesh during the current year has been achieved.

(b) 93.88% of the total PSSKs are rendering basic service to the people in the State. This has resulted in sale of postal stamps and stationery worth Rs. 137057/- per month on an average.

Express parcel post service in A.P.

1663. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of express Parcel Post Service in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how many post offices are providing this service in the State with district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to popularise the service in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The

Express Parcel Post service was launched on 1.2.99. The traffic and revenue generation in Adhra Pradesh since then has been as follows:

Year	Traffic	Revenue
1999-2000	74,188	Rs. 32,33,695
2000-2001	2,29,583	Rs. 86,32,231
2001-2002	3,78,075	Rs. 1,38,83,983

(b) Total 165 post offices are providing Express Parcel Post service through out the state. In addition, 1 Speed Post Concentration Centre, Vishakhapatnam, 1 Express parcel Post Centre at Hyderabad and 21 RMS offices are also providing this service. The names of the offices district wise are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Wide publicity is being given to the product by meeting potential customers. Brochures and pamphlets have been supplied to the Marketing Executives/Public Relations Inspectors and post offices for distributing the same to the members of the public. Advertisements are also being given in Cable TV channels and local newspapers to clinch new clientele. Sign Boards and glow sign boards indicating availability of 'Express Parcel Post' have been displayed at the post offices and mail offices where the facility is available.

Statement

District-wise names of post offices which are providing express parcel post facility

No.	Name of the District	Name of the post office where Express Parcel Post facility is provided	Total Number of offices
1	2	3	4
1.	Hyderabad	Express Parcel Post Centre, Hyderabad	1
2.	Anantapur	**Post Offices:** 1. Anantapur H.O. 2. Old Town LSG S.O. 3. ATP Engg. College S.O. 4. ATP Collectorate S.O.	

1	2	3	4
		5. Moti Lal Street S.O.	
		6. SV Puram S.O.	
		7. Tadapatri S.O.	
		8. Kalyandurg S.O.	
		9. Guntakal S.O.	
		10. Rayadurg S.O.	
		11. Uravakonda S.O.	
		12. Gooty S.O.	
		13. Kanekallu S.O.	
		14. Hindupur H.O.	
		15. Dharmavaram H.O.	
		16. Prasantinilayam S.O.	
		17. Kadiri S.O.	
		18. Penukonda S.O.	
		19. Dharmavaram Bazar S.O.	
		R.M.S. Offices :	
		1. Anantapur RMS	
		2. Hindupur RMS	
		3. Guntakal RMS	22
3.	Cuddapah	**Post Offices :**	
		1. Cuddapah H.O.	
		2. Badeval LSG S.O.	
		3. Kodur LSG S.O.	
		4. Rayachoti LSG S.O.	
		5. Rajampet H.O.	

1	2	3	4
		6. L.R. Palle S.O.	
		7. Obulavaripalle S.O.	
		8. Madhavaram S.O.	
		9. Cuddapah R.S.	
		10. Proddatur H.O.	
		11. Pulivendla H.O.	
		12. Jammalamadugu S.O.	
		13. Yerraguntla S.O.	
		14. Chilamakur S.O.	
		15. V.P. Reddinagar S.O.	
		16. Chilamakur West S.O.	
		17. Dommara Nandayal S.O.	
		18. Holmespet S.O.	
		19. Korrapadu Road S.O.	
		R.M.S. Office :	
		1. Cuddapah RMS	20
4.	Kurnool	**Post Offices :**	
		1. Kurnool H.O.	
		2. Nandyal RMS	
		3. Atmakur LSG S.O.	
		4. Dhone LSG S.O.	
		5. Yemmiganur LSG S.O.	
		6. Pattikonda LSG S.O.	
		7. Kodumur S.O.	
		8. Nandikotkur LSG S.O.	
		9. Nandyal H.O.	

1	2	3	4
		10. Allagadda H.O.	
		11. Markapur H.O.	
		12. Nandyal R.S. S.O.	
		13. Giddalur S.O.	
		R.M.S. Offices :	
		1. Kurnool RMS	
		2. Adoni RMS	
		3. Nandyal RMS	16
5.	Nellore	**R.M.S. Offices :**	
		1. Nellore RMS	
		2. Gudur RMS	2
6.	Srikakulam	**Post Offices :**	
		1. Srikakulam H.O.	
		2. Amadalavalasa H.O.	
		3. Tekkali H.O.	3
7.	Vizianagaram	**Post Office :**	
		1. Vizianagaram H.O.	
		R.M.S. Offices :	
		1. Vizianagaram RMS (Set 1 and 2)	2
8.	Medak	**Post Offices :**	
		1. Siddipet H.O.	
		2. Patancheru S.O.	
		3. Admn. Bldgs S.O.	
		4. Sadasivapet S.O.	4

1	2	3	4
9.	Nizamabad	**Post Offices :**	
		1. Nizamabad H.O.	
		2. Nizamabad R.S. S.O.	
		3. Kamareddy H.O.	
		4. Bodhan S.O.	
		R.M.S. Offices :	
		1. Nizamabad RMS (Set 1 and set 2)	5
10.	Adilabad	**Post Offices :**	
		1. Adilabad H.O.	
		2. Mancherial H.O.	
		3. Nirmal S.O.	
		4. S.K. Nagar S.O.	
		5. Bellampally S.O.	
		6. Bhainsa S.O.	
		7. Luxettipet S.O.	
		8. Kalyankhani S.O.	
		9. Kosba TSO (Nirmal)	
		10. Adilabad Collectorate S.O.	
		R.M.S. Offices :	
		1. Mancherial Stg.	11
11.	Vishakhapatnam	**Post Offices :**	
		1. Akkayyapalem S.O.	
		2. Andhra University S.O.	
		3. Autonagar S.O.	
		4. BHPV S.O.	
		5. Daba Gardens S.O.	

1	2	3	4
		6. Dwarakanagar S.O.	
		7. Fortward S.O.	
		8. Gajuwaka S.O.	
		9. Gandhigram S.O.	
		10. Gandhipalace S.O.	
		11. Gopalapatnam S.O.	
		12. HB Colony S.O.	
		13. Industrial Estate S.O.	
		14. KBH VM S.O.	
		15. Kancharapalem S.O.	
		16. LB Colony S.O.	
		17. LIC Buildings S.O.	
		18. Maharanipeta S.O.	
		19. MVP Colony S.O.	
		20. Malkapuram S.O.	
		21. Marripalem S.O.	
		22. Muralinagar S.O.	
		23. N.A.D. S.O.	
		24. P&T Colony S.O.	
		25. Turner Choultry S.O.	
		26. Ukkunagaram S.O.	
		27. VM Bus Station S.O.	
		28. VM Naval Base S.O.	
		29. Visakha Port S.O.	
		30. VM Steel Project S.O.	
		31. Vadlapudi S.O.	

1	2	3	4
		32. Vishakha H.O.	
		33. Airport B.O.	
		34. Vidya Bhawan S.O.	
		35. Yellamanchili S.O.	
		36. Anakapalli H.O.	
		R.M.S. Offices :	
		1. Vishakhapatnam RMS (Set 1, 2 and 3)	
		2. Anakapalli RMS	
		Speed Post Concentration Centre :	
		1. Vishakhapatnam	39
12.	Karimnagar	**Post Offices:**	
		1. Karimnagar H.O.	
		2. Jagtial H.O.	
		3. Peddapally H.O.	
		4. Huzurabad H.O.	
		5. Godavari Khani S.O.	
		6. Jyotinagar S.O.	
		R.M.S. Office:	
		1. Karimnagar Stg (set 1 and 2)	7
13.	Warangal	**Post Offices:**	
		1. Warangal H.O.	
		2. Mahabubabad	
		3. K.M. College	
		4. Torrur	
		5. Narsampet	
		6. Dornakal	

1	2	3	4
		7. Hanamkonda H.O.	
		8. V.A. Puri	
		9. Pembarthi	
		R.M.S. Offices:	
		1. Khazipet RMS (set 1 and 2)	
		2. Warangal TMO	11
14.	Nalgonda	**Post Offices:**	
		1. Nalgonda H.O.	
		2. Bhongir S.O.	
		3. Pochampally S.O.	
		4. Deverakonda S.O.	
		5. Chityala S.O.	
		6. Choutuppala S.O.	
		7. Hill Colony S.O.	
		8. Narketpally S.O.	
		9. Mothcore S.O.	
		10. Ramannapet S.O.	
		11. Aler S.O.	
		12. Yadgarpally S.O.	
		13. Suryapet H.O.	
		14. Miryalguda H.O.	
		15. Kodad S.O.	
		16. Huzurnaga S.O.	
		17. Nakrekal S.O.	
		18. Nereducharla S.O.	
		19. Tirumalagiri S.O.	

1	2	3	4
		20. Nidumanur S.O.	
		21. Munagala S.O.	
		22. K. K. Road S.O.	
		23. Bank Street S.O.	
		24. I. E. Suryapet S.O.	
		25. NSC Camp S.O.	
		26. Tungturthy S.O.	
		27. Kattangur S.O.	
		28. Thipparthy S.O.	
		29. Medlacheruvu S.O.	
		30. Garedapalli S.O.	
		R.M.S. Office:	
		1. Nalgonda Stg.	31
15.	Mahabubnagar	**Post Offices:**	
		1. Gadwal H.O. 2. Stn. Jadcherla H.O.	
		R.M.S. Office:	
		1. Mahabubnagar RMS (set 1 and 2)	3
16.	Krishna	**Post Offices:**	
		1. Vijayawada H.O.	1
17.	Guntur	**Post Offices:**	
		1. Kothapet S.O.	
		2. Bhattiprolu S.O.	2
18.	West Godavari	**Post Offices:**	
		1. Tanuku H.O.	
		2. Palakol H.O.	

1	2	3	4
		3. Narasapur H.O.	
		4. Eluru H.O.	
		RMS Office	
		1. Eluru RMS (set 1 and 2)	
		2. Nidadavole RMS	6
19.	Prakasam	**Post Offices:**	
		1. Tangutru S. O.	
		2. Peridepi S.O.	2

Number of offices providing EPP service :

1.	Post Office	:	165
2.	RMS Offices	:	21
3.	Speed Post Concentration Centre	:	1
4.	Express Parcel Post Centre	:	1

Disinvestment of VSNL

1664. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. was disinvested recently and sold off to the Tatas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are still trying to force some unreliable decisions on the new owners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government has disinvested 25% of it's equity in Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. to the strategic partner, M/s. Panatone Finvest Ltd. a Tata Group Company, through due disinvestments process on 13th February, 2002.